

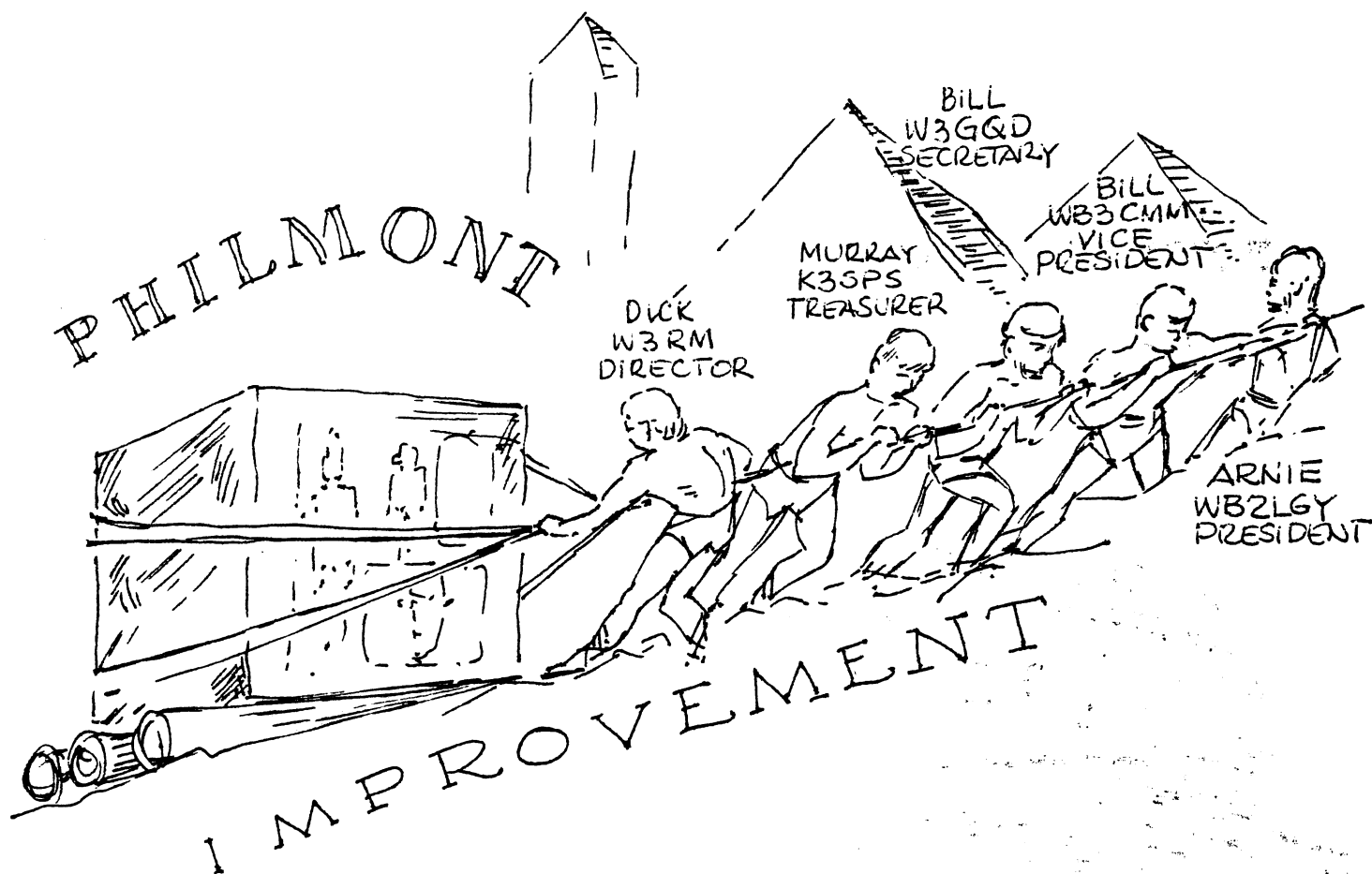
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PHILMONT CLUB NETS

Net Control Chairman: Howard Trout, W3IGW

Nets are conducted weekly as listed below. All amateurs are invited to check-in, members or non-members alike, with or without traffic. The nets are informal with net control stations serving on a rotating basis.

All Nets Sunday 10 meters (29.493 MHz) 1000 hrs; 75 meters (3993 kHz) SSB 1000 hrs;
2 meters FM (147.63/03 via WR3ADS) 0930 hrs.

IT SEEMS TO ME

"After Thoughts On Our 1977 Annual Meeting" by guest writer Fred Shaw, W3ADV

Was it not great to have had John, AWH, for two years as president? Certainly ran a tight ship. It is always nice to have Paul, VVS, do such a fine job for us, handling the visitors with that big smile and pleasant manner. It is comforting to know that Rolland, PWG, is taking such good care of our W3TKQ station and upholding tradition so well. Which makes us think of our Brodlynese friend, Sam, RR-T-RRR, in all his glory of 14 years as a W3TKQ operator, still taking care of the refreshments. Nice work, eh?

Feels good to see the big turnout of members and visitors, too. Progress is being made as of old! and 65 voters yet! More candidates than in many a moon, and good ones to boot! Sure was an enjoyable evening, what with electioneering by the candidates and the clowning of Spence, QQH, our Judge of Elections. "Here comes de judge". Some fun. Happy to see Murray, SPS, is still going to keep us solvent for another year. Like it, too, to have Arnie to look after things for 1978 - anything can happen now.

Lots more thoughts, but think that I have said enough for this time. 73's from an old (but young in spirit) Philmonter.

SAMS Corner



Seen n' Heard AT THE GALLERY

FLASH!
USSR AMATEUR SYSTEM
SATELLITE ON 102 MIN. ORBIT
145.8 - 145.9 MHZ - IN
29.3 - 29.4 MHZ - OUT

PHILMONT CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

Jan 1 New Year's Day

Jan 9 Regular Meeting at Franklin Institute, 8:00 PM

Jan 18 Midmonth Meeting at W3AA, 8:00 PM

Jan 30 BLURB folding at W3QQH, 7:15 PM

MEETING REPORT

With a flurry of pre-election activity, the Philmont Regular Meeting got under way at 8:15 PM on December 5.

While engaged in chomping on lollipops supplied by candidate WB2LGY and wife Sue, the 49 members and 18 visitors present heard the Minutes read by Jim Rodgers, W3AWG, and the Treasurer's Report by Murray Bevitz, K3SPS. Committee reports followed with Rollie, W3PWG, reporting an upcoming event at W3TKQ; George Weed, W3KN, on behalf of the BLURB Committee, presented our outgoing Fearless Leader with a staple remover to aid in his enjoyment of future BLURBS; and Jim Spencer, W3QQH, reported that SpecCom has completely rebuilt the receiver in the repeater and in addition has installed a new exciter board. Jim feels that SpecCom has more than fulfilled their promise to make things work well.

Following the reports, Tom Bohlander, WA3KLR, gave a brief run-down on his new Tempo pocket receiver (2-channels; built-in antenna; batteries -\$89.00) and John Tinaglia, W3AWH, displayed his Icom 245 all mode, 2-meter mobile rig. (10 watts; \$600 list with SSB adaptor).

The piece-de-resistance was, of course, the election. Speeches by the presidential and vice-presidential candidates varied from short to long; serious to humorous; and suprisingly, oral to written (Hal Fox, W3AA, away on business sent a letter which was read by W3QQH).

The balloting was begun under the watchful eye of the Judge of Elections whose MOP of hair provided some amusement. Two ballots were required to complete the voting and elect the 1978 officers. Results were as follows:

President: Arnold Sadwin, WB2LGY

Vice-Pres: William Mescanti, WB3CMM

Sec't'y: William Chedeville, W3GQD

Treasurer: Murray Bevitz, K3SPS

Director (3 year term)
Richard Moll, W3RM

HISTORICAL NOTE

The following list of Philmont officers from inception to present was supplied by Jim Spencer, W3QQH:

<u>Year</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Vice-Pres</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>
1978	WB2LGY	WB3CMM	W3GQD	K3SPS
1977	W3AWH	WB2LGY	W3AWG	K3SPS
1976	W3AWH	W3BIP	WA3KLR	K3SPS
1975	W3EXY	K3KNH	W2FUW	K3SPS
1974	W3EXY	W3GIF	K3HIE	K3SPS
1973	W3QQH	K3LYR	K3UWO	W3KN
1972	W3OWK	K3HIE	K3LYR	W3QQH
1971	W2FUW	W3ADV	WA2RDC	W3QQH
1970	W3WXC	W3VVS	W3AJO	K3KNH
1969	K3UWO	W3VVS	K3SPS	K3NYL
1968	W3KN	W3OWK	W3JKH	K3NYL
1967	W3YHV	W3OWK	K3UWO	WA2RDC
1966	W3ADV	W3QZO	K3UWO	W3GOW
1965	K3HIJ	W3YHV	K3CEE	W3GOW
1964	K3GNJ	W3EQV	W3WPD	W3MHR
1963	W3GOW	K3GNJ	K3HIJ	W3MHR
1962	W3CDY	W3GOW	K3GNJ	K3DJE
1961	W3NIP	W3CDY	W3EQV	W3GOW
1960	W3WNC	W3CDY	W3GOW	W3VCE
1959	W3AWH	W3VVS	W3IVD	W3OEC
1958	W3YJM	W3PXY	W3SAI	W3OEC
1957	W3UVL	W3DHJ	W3SAI	W3DSG
1956	W3QZO	W3SAI	W3QQH	W3DSG
1955	W3NIP	W3CNO	W3QQH	W3DSG
1954	W3VVS	W3IRS	W3QQH	W3DSG
1953	W3NIP	W3IM	W3QQH	W3DSG
1952	W3QQH	W3IM	W3NIP	W3OQI
1951	W3IW	W3VVS	W3QQH	W3QQH
1950	W3PMD	W3AAG	W3KCG	W3KCG
1949	W3PMD	---	W3KCG	W3KCG

Note: W2FUW is ex-W3EQV; W3KN is ex-W3MHR; W2HSA is ex-W3NIP

Jim Spencer, W3QQH, will be taking orders for Name/Call Letter badges during the month of January. Price is about \$2.50. Be sure to let Jim know if you are interested in a new or updated badge.

FCC's New TVI Handbook, " HOW TO IDENTIFY AND RESOLVE RADIO-TV INTERFERENCE" is now available from the Consumer Information Center, Dept. 015F, Pueblo, CO 81009. Cost is \$1.50 postpaid.

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENIN'

1978 dues are now payable. Don't be a dropout; don't applaud; just throw money!

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Are you an undiscovered Rick McLeish, or does your wife make Dorothy Hamil look like an amateur? Show us at the Ice Skating Party being planned for February at the York Road Ice Rink. The rink is located at York and Stahr Roads, just south of the Yorktown Theatre in Elkins Park. Skating facilities are excellent and there is also plenty of room for just plain watchers. Contact Bill, WB3CMM, for more details.

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We welcome Russ Miller, K3NYN, back into active membership. Russ and wife, Winnie, were very active a few years ago, but found it necessary to curtail their activity to meet business pressures. Russ is currently a real estate counselor and has his own program on a local radio station during which he answers listener's questions on the subject of real estate.

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We are already planning the 1978 Clambake which will be a joint venture with the Reading Radio Club if the details can be worked out. Location will be the same as the last two years. Howard Trout, W3IGW, is handling the arrangements.

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Bill, WB3CMM, has come up with a good deal on the Dayton Safari. Cost will be \$157.00 per person and will include airfare and two nights at either Stouffer's or the Holiday Inn. It's not too early to start making plans for this event so be sure to talk to Bill if you are interested.

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The program for the January meeting will be "Microprocessors As Applied To Amateur Radio", and will be presented by W3YSZ.

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The FCC probe into amateur licensing irregularities has turned up the interesting fact that many of the Commission employees are hams who have call signs with their names, initials, or other special letter combinations. An FCC directive has been circulated that instructs employees holding unearned preferential calls to turn them in for an ordinary call.

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Thinking about upgrading? New written exams for all classes will be distributed to examining points this month. The material will reflect more closely the state-of-the-art, which really means that they will be tougher and contain more solid state theory. Aren't you sorry you waited?

During the week of January 14-22, 1978, the Town of Barnstable Radio Club will celebrate the 76th anniversary of Marconi's first two-way transatlantic radio transmission. The club will recreate this event with a multi-transmitter amateur radio station operating from the original location in the Cape Cod National Seashore Park in South Wellfleet, Massachusetts. The station has received a special event call sign "KM1CC", from the FCC and will be manned by members of the Barnstable Club. KM1CC will be capable of world wide communications. The station will be open to the public if you are in the area and can visit. KM1CC will operate all bands.

The Modulator (Baltimore ARC) via ARNS

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Name: Phillip S. Evaul, WB2SQD

Address: 125 St. James Ave.,
Merchantville, N.J. 08109

Phone: (Home) (609) 663-4873

Occupation: Student (Penn Charter School)

Action will be taken on this application at January Midmonth.

POETRY DEPARTMENT

It's not my place to run the train, the whistle I can't blow,
It's not my place to say how far the train's allowed to go.
It's not my place to blow off steam, or even ring the bell,
But let the damn thing jump the track and see who catches hell.

ARNS Bulletin

Another gem from Bill, WB3ALG:

A man who had just been promoted to vice-president boasted so much about it to his wife that she finally retorted, "Vice-presidents are a dime a dozen. Why, in the supermarket they even have a vice-president in charge of prunes."

Furious, the husband phoned the supermarket in the expectation of refuting his wife. He asked to speak to the vicepresident in charge of prunes.

"Which kind?" was the reply, "packaged or bulk?"

NOSTALGIA DEPARTMENT

The following excerpts are from Radio News, issue of December, 1923. Paul, W3VVS, supplied them.

Simplifying Radio (By H. Gernsback)

When we look back 20 or 25 years and contemplate the radio equipment of the vintage 1900, we smile, or perhaps laugh outright, all according to our individual temperaments. We look back on our 1-KW thunder factories with their rock crushing equipment and marvel why there ever was such a display of metal and various sundry materials. But the radio receivers of 1900 are the ones that catch most of our attention. In order to hear the long distance call of the thunderous 1-KW station located 3 miles and 55 yards to the starboard side of us, we required an outfit with at least 25 different pieces of apparatus, not to speak of batteries, choke coils, metal lined boxes to keep out the waves set up by the decoherer, and a four-wire aerial, several hundred feet long. It took days to adjust such a receiver, and only an expert could handle such a set. There were more nuts and binding posts in the wireless receiving set of 1900 than you can find in a well stocked small radio store today.

.....It is all very well to sit back complacently and say that the millenium in radio has finally arrived, when as a matter of fact, we are perhaps a million years from it. Just as we have simplified our apparatus and its action during the last 25 years, in this same degree we will simplify all radio apparatus in the future.

As a matter of fact, we believe that the vacuum tube, although remarkably good today will eventually be replaced and found only in industrial works. But it will have no place in radio reception. Other devices will take its place as the coherer made way for the detector, and the detector made way for the vacuum tube.

.....One of these days someone will sit down and read all the books on accoustics that have ever been printed and after that he will do some thinking on his own and the result will be a loudspeaker that speaks loudly and is smaller than your fist.

That loudspeaker, by the way, will be built into the future radio receiving outfit, and why shouldn't it be? The loudspeaker today is conceded to be the most important part of a radio outfit. You might as well take the engine out of your car and mount it on a separate truck and lug it around. This would be a very good analogy and is just what we are doing in radio today.

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Here we are 55 years later and it has all come to pass. Now we have vest-pocket radios, half-blind technicians, and CB'ers. That's progress! (ED)

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DON'T FORGET! 1978 DUES ARE PAYABLE NOW. SEND A CHECK TODAY.

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FOR SALE (From WA3PDV Estate)

Lafayette HE-45a 6-meter TR w/xtals	\$30.00
Gonset 2-meter Communicator	25.00
Hammerlund HQ145x Rcvr. (Brdcst to 30 mhz w/bandsread) Includes custom built mounting base with control panel,	75.00
Drake TR22 w/AC supply and 6 pairs of xtals	120.00
Engineering Research 12VDC 3A power supply	8.00

Contact Jim Beaver, W3AHZ
1015 Edge Hill Road
Roslyn, PA, 19001

Phone: (215) 886-8180

There is no Midmonth Meeting report this month. The reason for this is two-fold. The meeting will be largely organizational for the new officers, and with the tight schedule which Christmas imposes on everyone, we wanted to give the printers a break.

To our departing (from office only!) officers we say thanks for a job well done. To our incoming officers, congratulations and our best for a good year.

ED

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LATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Occupation: Inspector
XYL: Ann, WB3HVE
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